(b) The main recommendations made by the Committee are as under

(i) Teaching and training establishments should be encouraged to promote commercially viable companies in software applications and training and Computer faculty should also be encouraged to set up their own commercially operated enterprises to provide com puterisation and training

(ii) About Rs 1,000 crores may be provided over a period of three years for setting up of five new Advanced Information Systems Institutes like IITs, upgradation of about 15 existing main centres in the educational institutions to centres for Information Technology and for providing minimum computer facilities in about 100 universities and other teaching centres This investment should be recovered within five years from the beneficiaries-present and potential

(iii) Provide tax benefits for investments in computer facilities as applicable to R & D expenditure

(iv) Introduce a new course – BCA (Computer Applications) and special programmes for the degree holders from other streams

(v) An autonomous Apex Body which will set guidelines for the growth of computer manpower development should be constituted The Apex Body should have an Accreditation Board for Computer Education to safeguard the standards in com puter education

An interim Committee may be constituted immediately till the permanent Apex Body is constituted

(vi) Encourage private institutions cooperative colleges, etc for development of computer manpower with other local or NRI participation

(vii) All the formal computer education should be under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource De velopment only

(c) The Government is examining the recommendations

Fast Train Between Delhi and Bhubaneswar

2289 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a super fast train between Delhi and Bhubaneswar/Puri,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Operational and resource constraints

[*Translation*]

World Bank Assistance for Environment and Afforestation Programmes

2290 SHRI BARE LAL JATAV
SHRI M V V S MURTHY
SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received any financial assistance from the World Bank for the environment and afforestation pogrammes;

(b) if so, the details of the allocation of the amount, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any such allocation has been made for VSP Nature Park; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Details of the World Bank assisted projects for environment and afforestation under implementation in India are given in the attached statement.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No such proposal has been put forward.

STATEMENT

Environment and Afforestation Projects assisted by world Bank

Project	*Gujarat*	*Himachal Pradesh*	*Karnataka*	*Kerala*	*Rajasthan*	*Madhya Pradesh*	*Maharashtra*	*Tamil Nadu*	*Uttar Pradesh*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*
Industrial Pollution Control*									
Social Forestry	$61 7m	$24 3m	$27 00m	$31 8m	$16 6m	-	-	-	60 9m
Ganga Action Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SDR25 00m

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* The World Bank assistance for Industrial Pollution Control Projet is $155 6 million The major component of the project is provision of loans to the polluting sectors of industries for setting up effluent treatment plants An amount of $10 4 million has been provided for strengthening of Pollution Control Boards in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh The details are being discussed with State Pollution Control Boards before deciding the allocations